

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF RHODE ISLAND

STATE OF NEW YORK, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

ROBERT F. KENNEDY, JR., in his official
capacity as SECRETARY OF THE U.S.
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN
SERVICES, et al.,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 1:25-cv-00196

DEFENDANTS' NOTICE OF SUPPLEMENTAL AUTHORITY

Defendants submit the attached supplemental authority to notify the Court of a recent decision in a case raising similar claims and issues. On May 21, 2025, the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia denied the plaintiffs' motion for a preliminary injunction in *Carter v. U.S. Department of Education*, No. 1:25-cv-00744-PLF, ECF No. 68 (D.D.C. May 21, 2025). *Carter* is a lawsuit brought by certain parents and students and a not-for-profit organization challenging Department of Education (DOE) reductions in force and office closures affecting DOE's Office of Civil Rights. *Id.* at 1. The court denied the plaintiffs' motion—which was based on putative Administrative Procedure Act and constitutional claims—because they were “unlikely to succeed on the merits of any of these challenges.” *Id.* at 12.

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